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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to employer contributions for certain retirees under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas who are employed by a school district affected by base realignment and closure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 825.4092, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

- (b) Except as provided by <u>Subsections</u> [<u>Subsection</u>] (e) <u>and</u>, during each payroll period for which a retiree is reported, the employer shall contribute to the retirement system for each retiree reported an amount based on the retiree's salary equal to the sum
- (1) the current contribution amount that would be contributed by the retiree if the retiree were an active, (1)contributing member; and
- (2) the current contribution amount authorized by the General Appropriations Act that the state would contribute for that retiree if the retiree were an active, contributing member.

  (c) Except as provided by <u>Subsections</u> [<u>Subsection</u>]
- (f), each payroll period, for each retiree who is enrolled in the Texas Public School Employees Group Insurance Program under Chapter 1575, Insurance Code, the employer who reports the employment of a retiree shall contribute to the trust fund established under that chapter any difference between the amount the retiree is required to pay for the retiree and any enrolled dependents to participate in the group program and the full cost of the retiree's and enrolled dependents' participation in the group program, as determined by the retirement system. If more than one employer reports the retiree to the retirement system during a month, the amount of the required payment shall be prorated among the employers.
- (f) The amounts required to be paid under Subsections (b) and (c) are not required to be paid by a school district that has been required to expand classroom facilities to accommodate an increased number of students resulting from the United States Department of Defense base realignment and closure process. The total number of employed retirees subject to the exemption established by this subsection may not exceed 500 and, if necessary, the board of trustees shall by rule establish a method to equitably allocate that number to each school district described by this subsection. This subsection expires December 31, 2011.

SECTION 2. Section 1575.204, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The amounts required to be paid under Subsection (b) are not required to be paid by a school district that has been required to expand classroom facilities to accommodate an increased number of students resulting from the United States Department of Defense base realignment and closure process. The total number of employed retirees subject to the exemption established by this subsection may not exceed 500 and, if necessary, the board of trustees shall by rule establish a method to equitably allocate that number to each school district described by this subsection. This subsection expires December 31, 2011.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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